

North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

“Responsible Change to Achieve Easy Access, Better Quality and Personal Outcomes”

1915 b/c Waiver Pilot Project Fact Sheet

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMHDDSAS) in collaboration with the Division of Medical Assistance is studying the undertaking of a 1915 b/c Waiver Expansion Pilot Project. The name of this pilot project is yet to be determined.

The goal of the LME Waiver Pilot Project Initiative is to determine whether DHHS can replicate the efforts of one existing LME operated 1915 b/c waiver in another part of the state to deliver accessible, appropriate, comprehensive, recovery focused, culturally competent, cost effective services of the highest quality through the same type of waiver.

The vision statement for our State’s Waiver Pilot Project Initiative is:

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The Division has designated a Leadership Team for this project under the leadership of Ken Marsh. Membership on the team includes: Stuart Berde, Rebecca Carina, Christina Carter, Thelma Hayter, Adam Holtzman, Jim Jarrard, Lena Klumper, Dr. Mike Lancaster, Pam Shipman, Adolph Simmons, Bill Scott, Flo Stein, Shealy Thompson, Leza Wainwright and Judy Walton. There is an on-going DMHDDSAS research team which is assisting the leadership group.

The Division’s Waiver Leadership Team has held several meetings to outline and develop an organizational structure and plan for implementing this initiative. Future meetings will occur with our colleague agency DMA. The team is finalizing a draft Communications Plan that will include the development of an intra-net Waiver Web Page for DMHDDSAS staff, containing a series of Fact Sheets to communicate progress and important information. The Communication Plan will strategically help DMHDDSAS & DMA reach a wider audience as the State decides to move forward with this initiative.

As part of the Communication Plan, in the near future, we will begin formal communication with advocates, consumer and family members, our colleagues at the federal, state and local level, members of the legislature, service providers and other stakeholders in this process.

